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# GUARDIANS of the GALAXY

THE  
NEXT GREAT  
GALACTIC  
ADVENTURE  
STARTS HERE!





I'M OFFERING  
SAFETY AND  
SECURITY NOT OFTEN  
SEEN IN THIS PART OF  
THE GALAXY. WE HERE  
ON CITIOPIA PRIDE  
OUR CITY ON BEING  
IMPENETRABLE.

NO ONE  
HAS EVER  
GOTTEN PAST OUR  
DEFENSES.

OUR GUN  
BATTERIES CAN'T  
BE HACKED BECAUSE  
WE'VE HIRED THE  
FINEST MARKSMEN  
IN THE GALAXY.



THEREFORE,  
WE'VE NEVER  
SUFFERED AN  
"UNAUTHORIZED  
WITHDRAWAL"  
FROM THE  
CITY.

YES, BUT  
I THINK YOUR  
FEES ARE  
TOO HIGH.

I WISH TO  
DIVERSIFY MY  
WEALTH, BUT I'D LIKE  
TO NEGOTIATE YOUR  
VAULT FEES.

I'M AFRAID  
I HAVE IRONCLAD  
FEES BECAUSE OF  
FAVORED NATION  
TRADING WITH  
OTHER CLIENTS.

PERHAPS  
YOUR VALUABLES  
REQUIRE LESS  
SECURITY THAN THE  
MOST IMPENETRABLE  
FORTRESS IN THE  
GALAXY? I REGRET  
MY PRICE IS...  
FIRM.

WHAT  
IN--

FELDNAR  
TAKE US!!!

AAEEEE!!!





IT'S GALACTUS--  
DEVOURER OF  
WORLDS!

A MILLION  
TO GET ME OFF-  
PLANET!

SOLD!  
KEEP  
RUNNING!

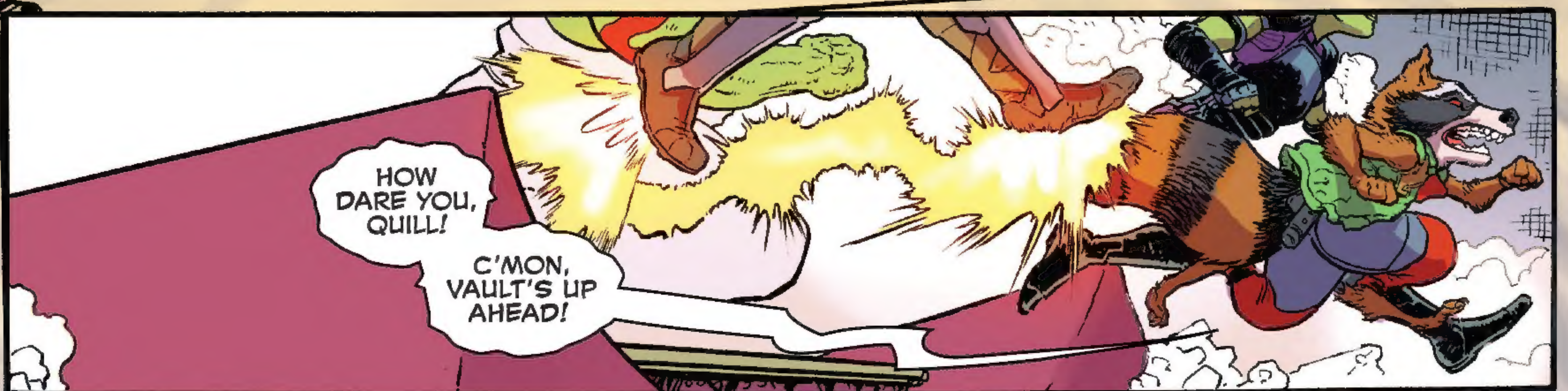
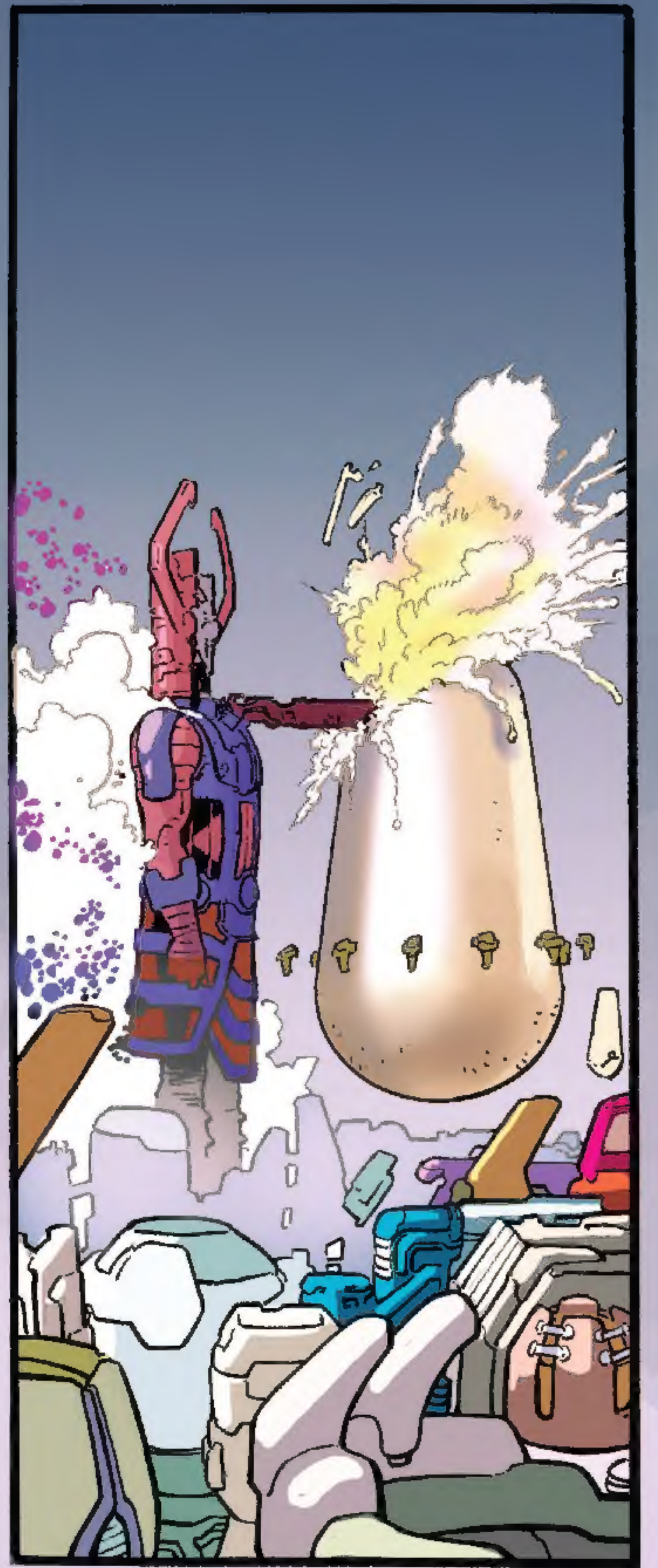
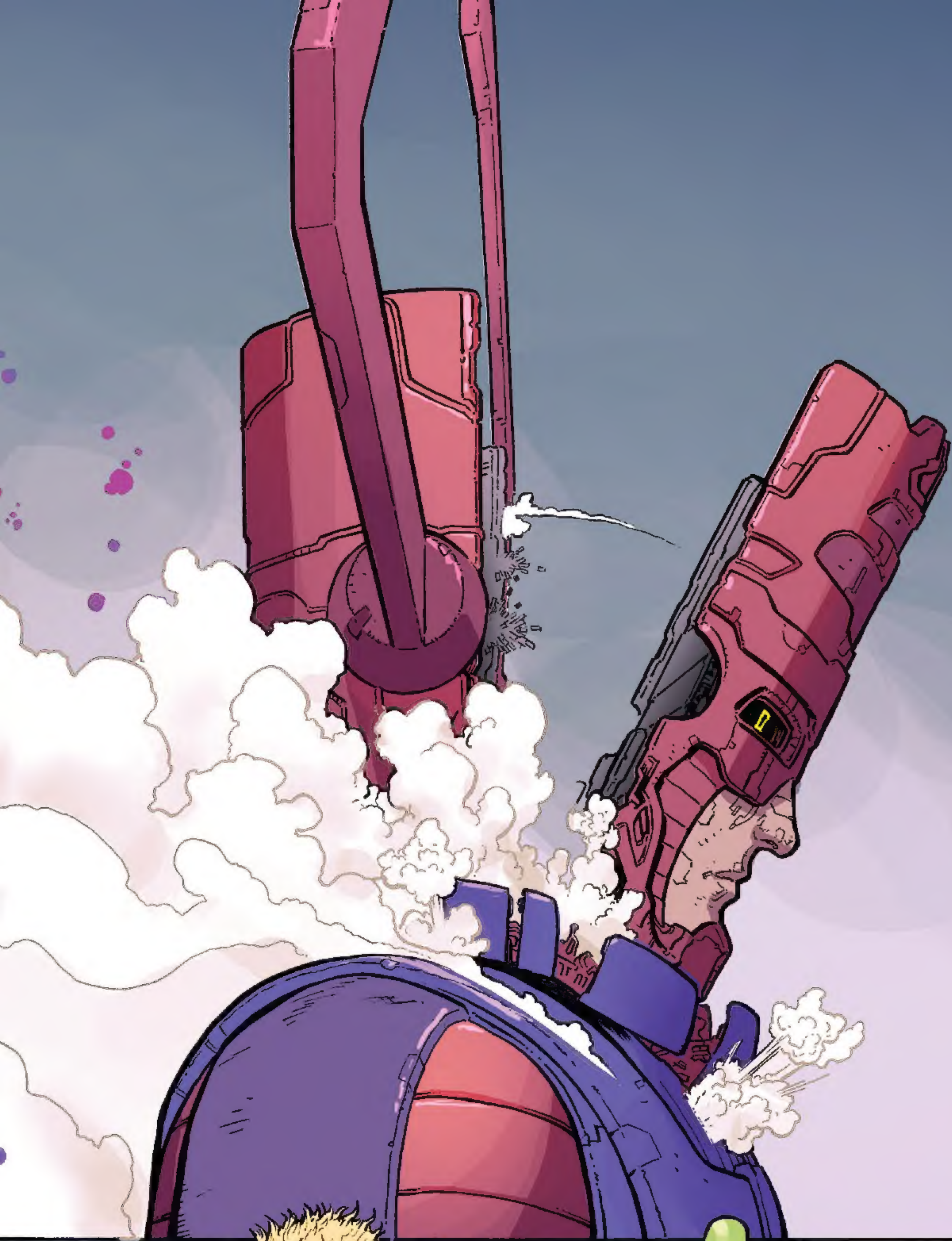
HO-HOW  
DID THIS  
HAPPEN?

I THOUGHT  
GALACTUS'  
APPETITE WAS  
SATISFIED?

THIS IS  
THE DUMBEST  
THING I'VE  
EVER DONE.

AWRIGHT,  
COAST IS  
CLEAR...







BLACK SHEEP, SCOUNDRELS, AND WEIRDOS, PETER QUILL, A.K.A. STAR-LORD, DRAX THE DESTROYER, GAMORA, ROCKET RACCOON, AND GROOT LEARNED TO LOOK AFTER THEIR OWN INTERESTS, THEN DISCOVERED THEY COULD NOT STAND BY WHEN THE UNIVERSE WAS IN PERIL. THEY HAVE NO OFFICIAL JURISDICTION, BUT IF YOU'RE IN TROUBLE (OR YOU'VE GOT A LINE ON A SCORE) IN THE MILKY WAY, YOU CAN CALL THE...

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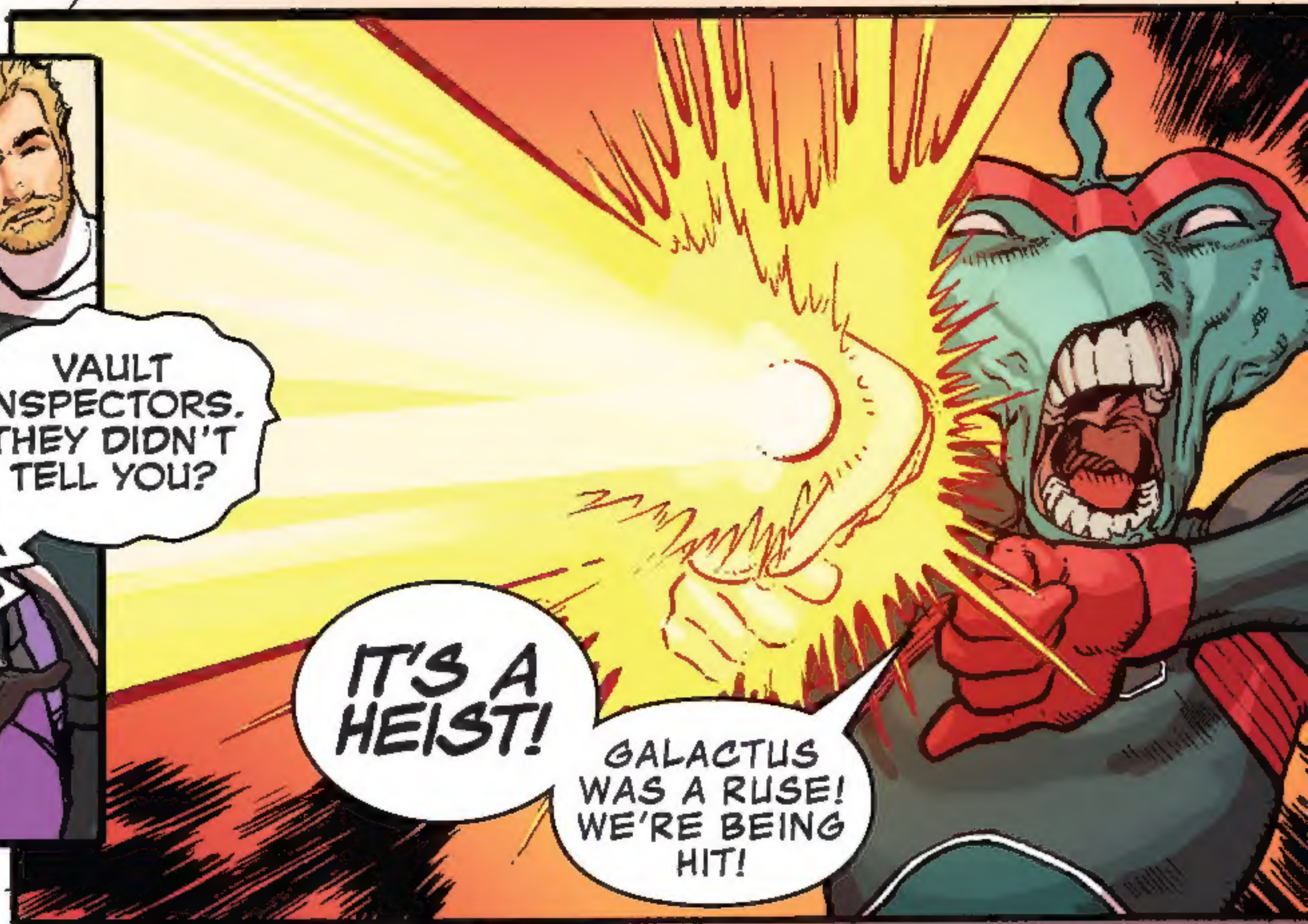
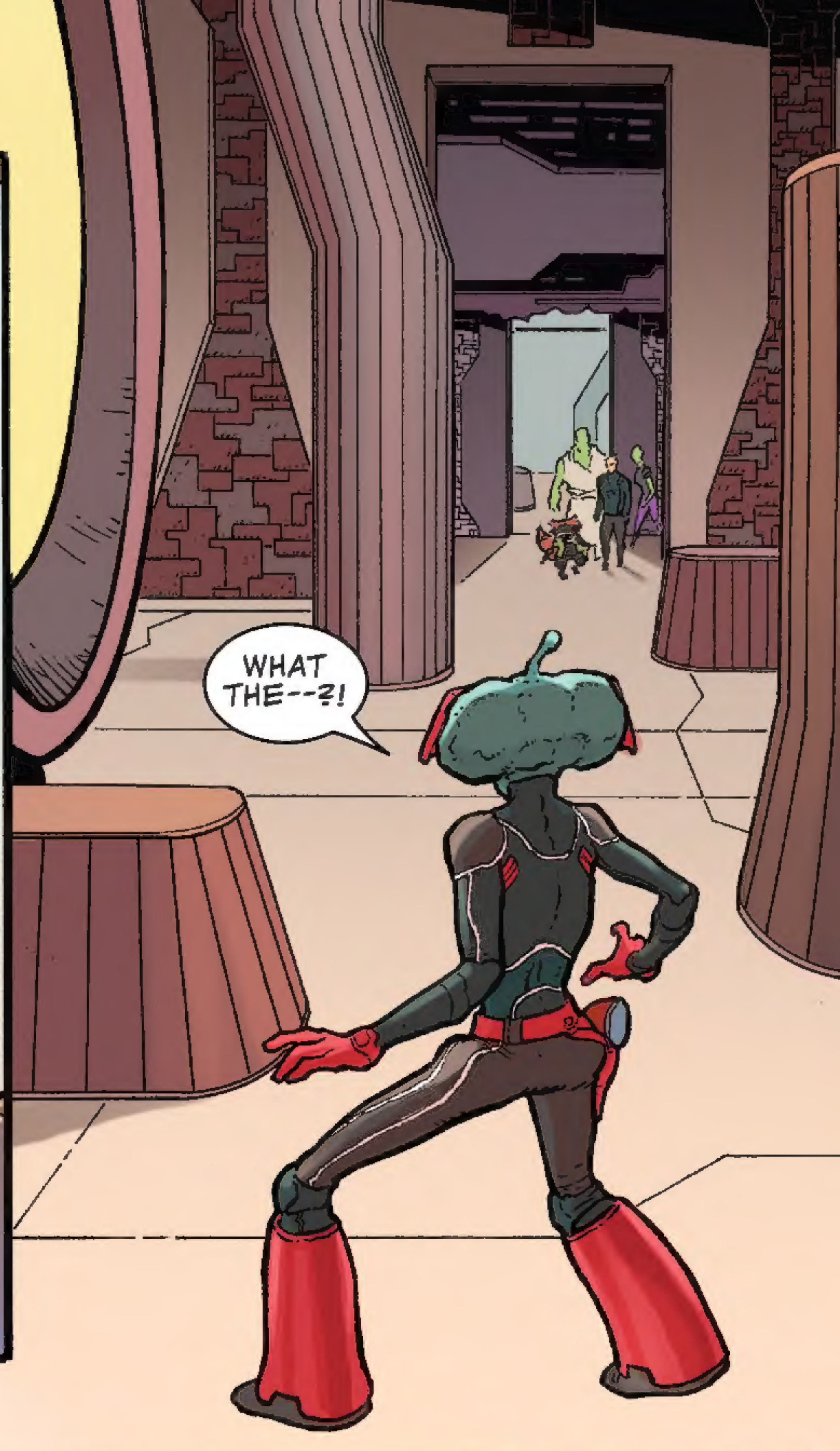
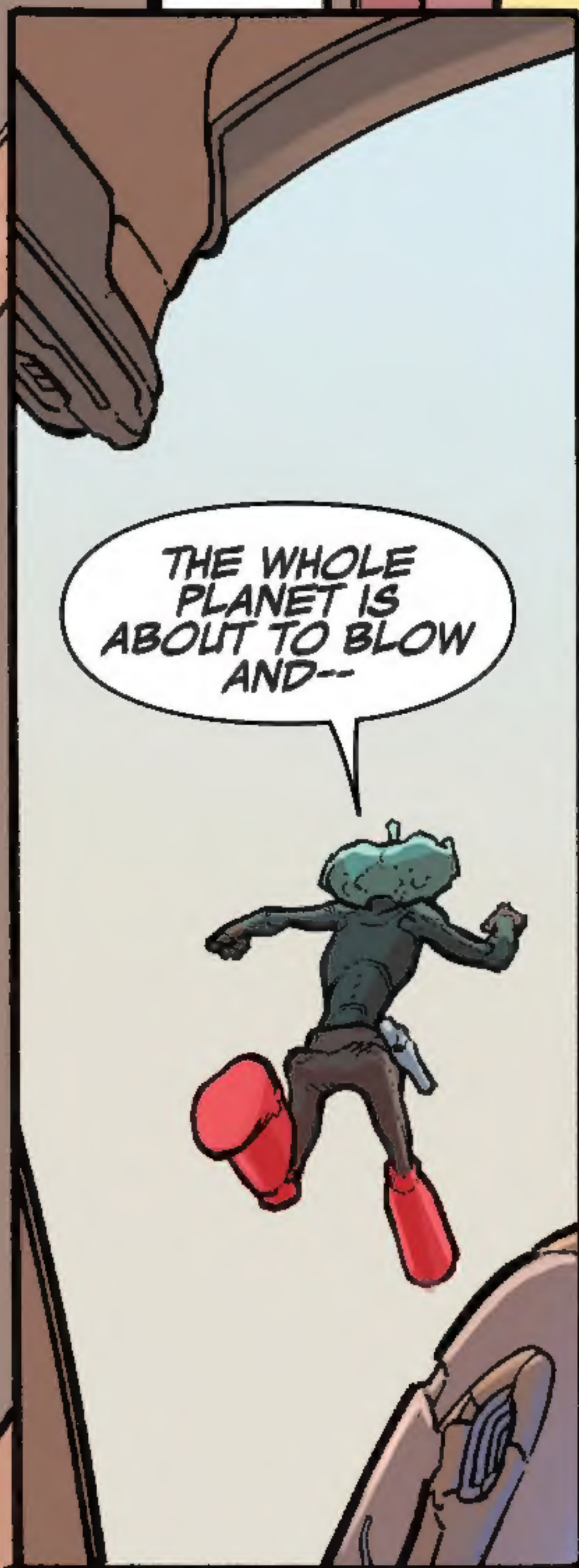
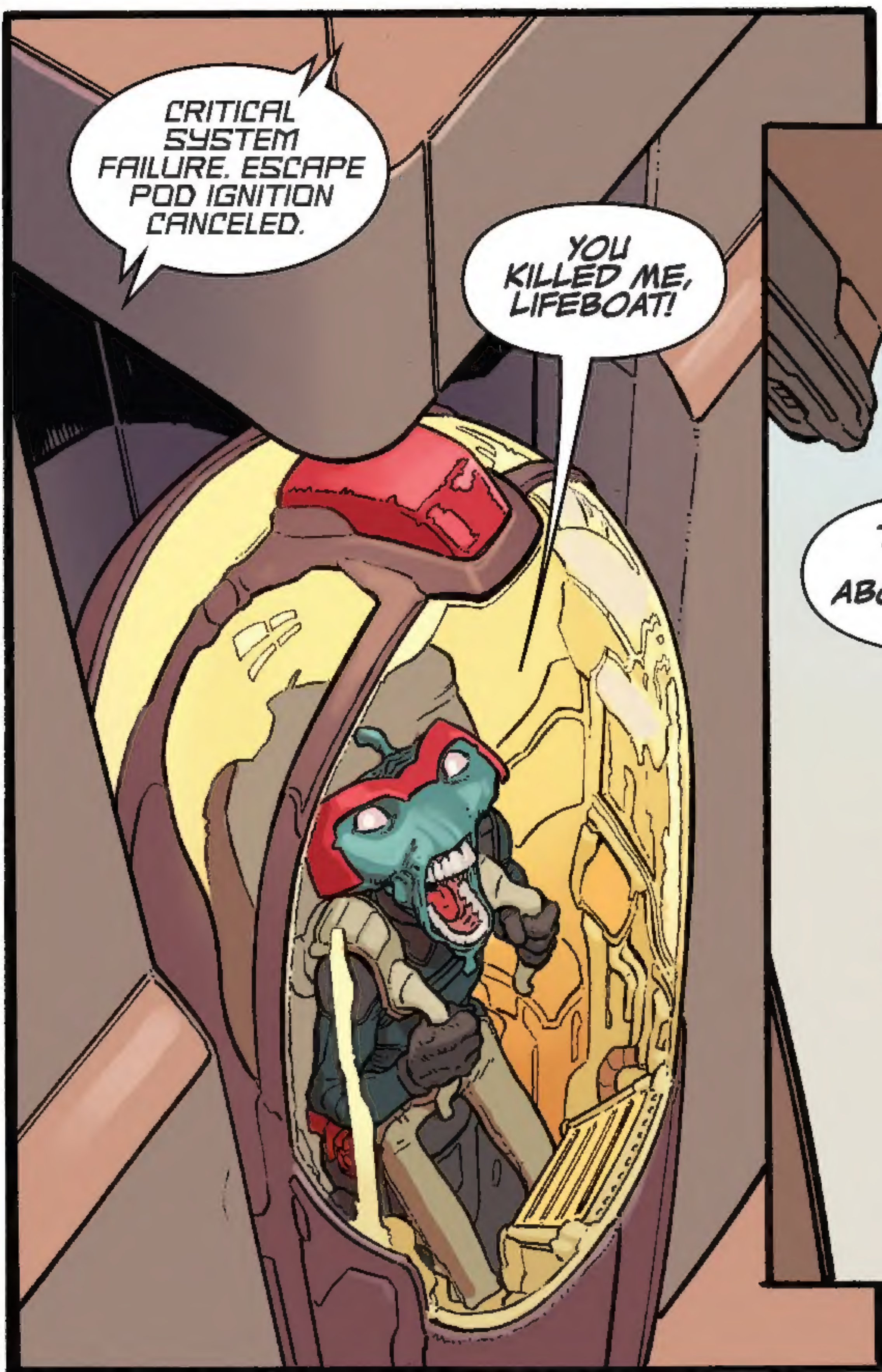
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in "Smash & Grab"

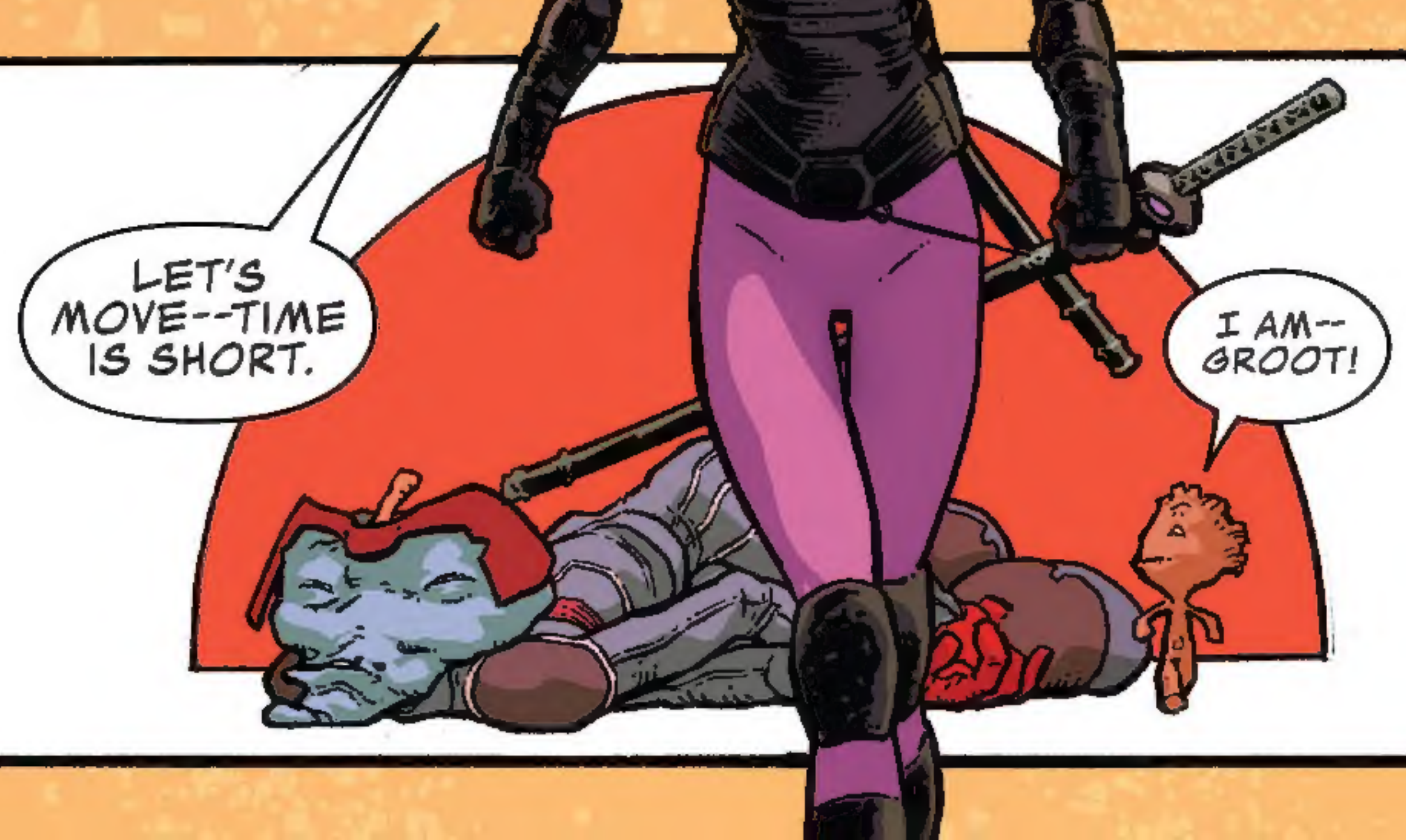
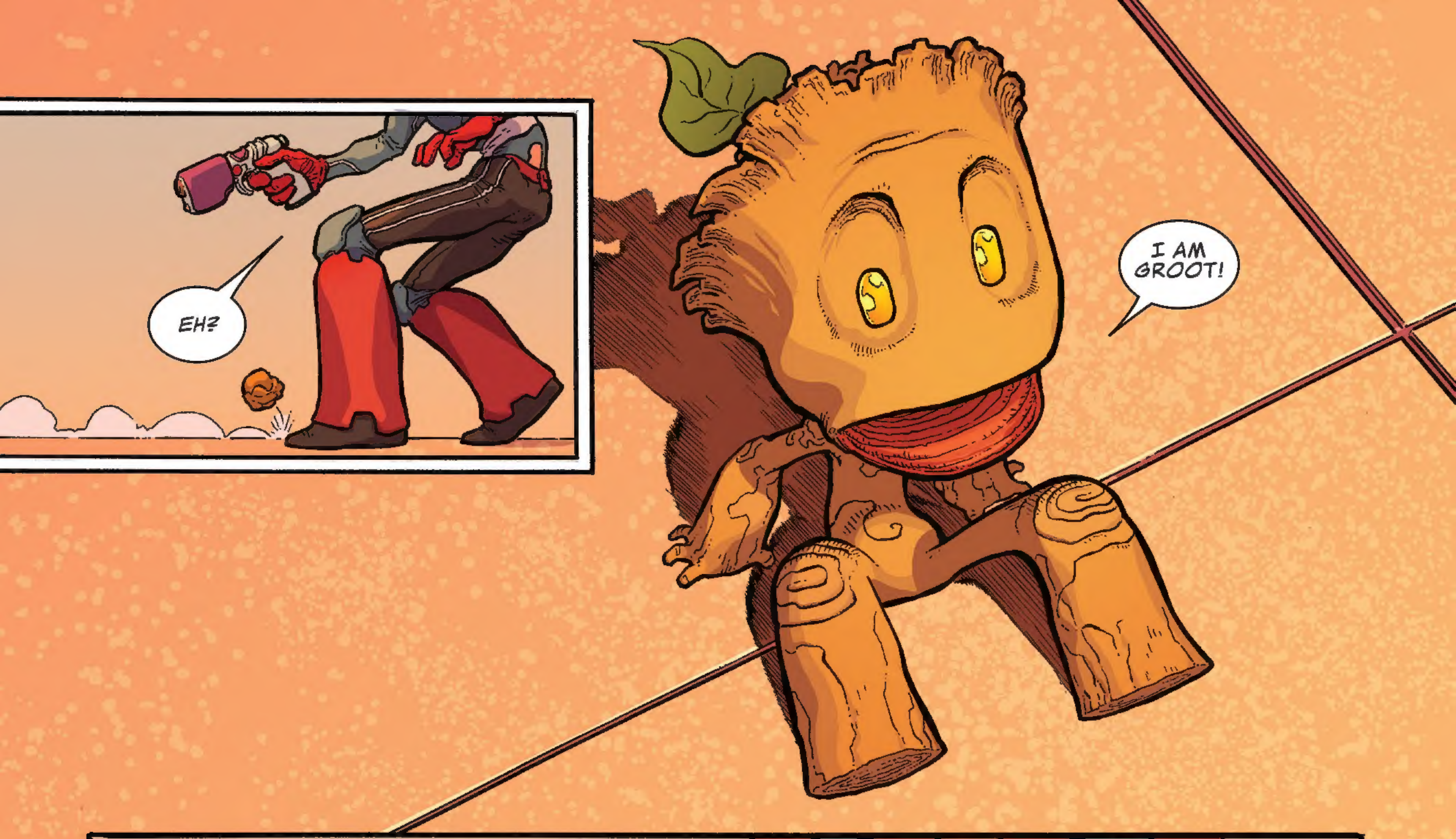
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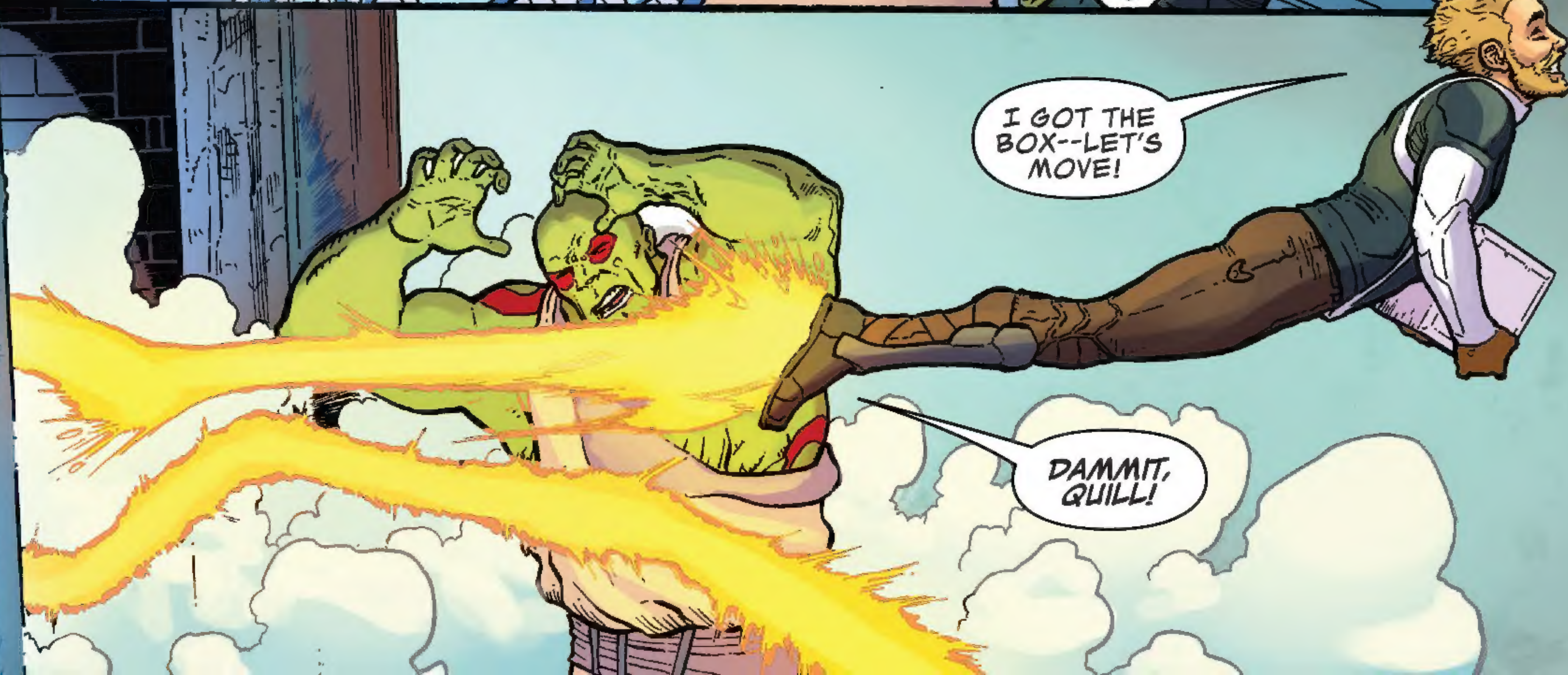
















I AM GROOT!

DEET

I GOT THE MECH'S ENGINES WARMING UP. LET'S GO!



PETER! IS SOMETHING WRONG?

NO, TAKE A LOOK.



HEH.



UH.

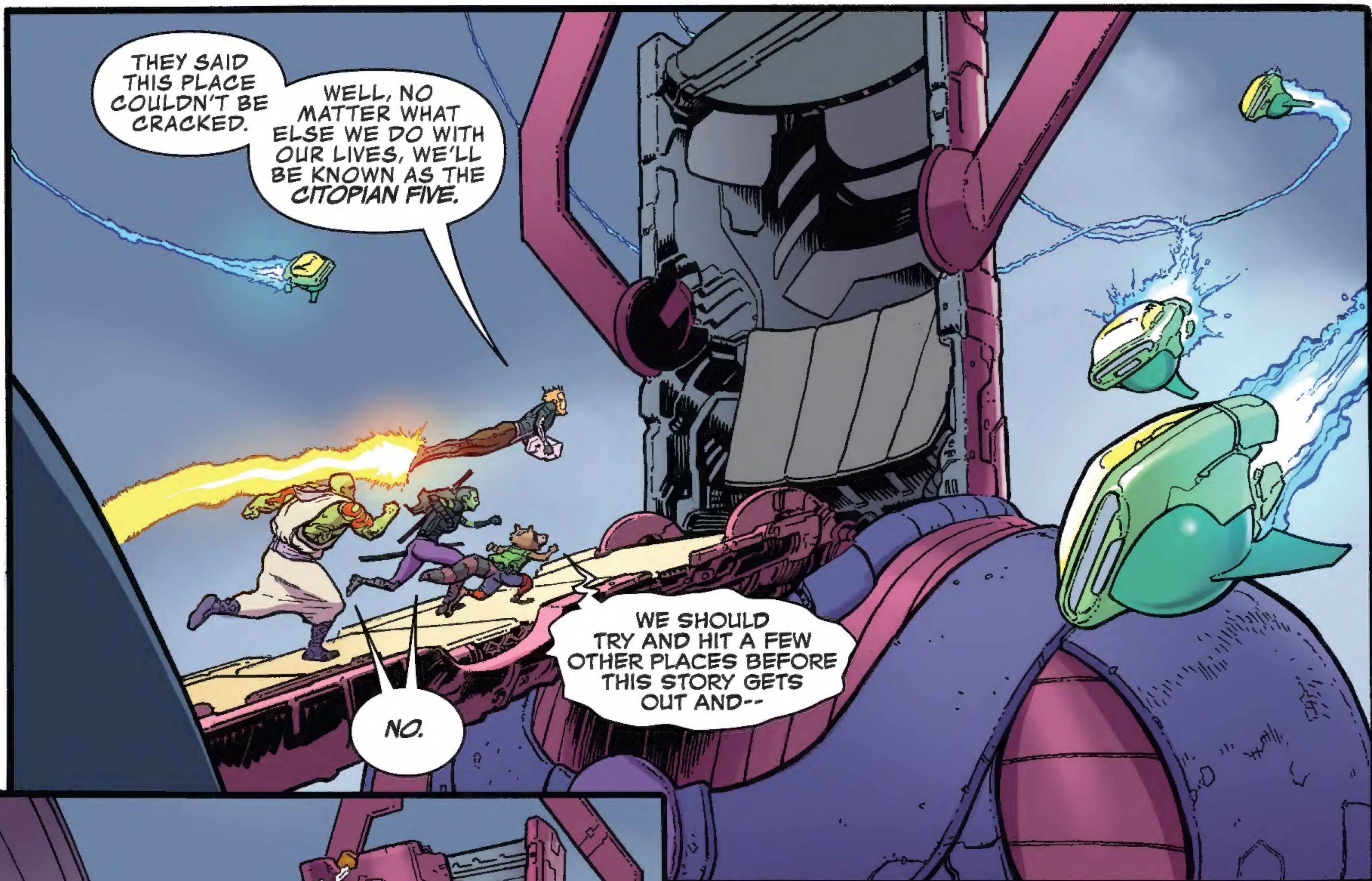
I TAKE IT... GALACTUS IS NOT ABOUT TO EAT OUR PLANET?



I AM GROOT?

AHA-HA-HA-HA!



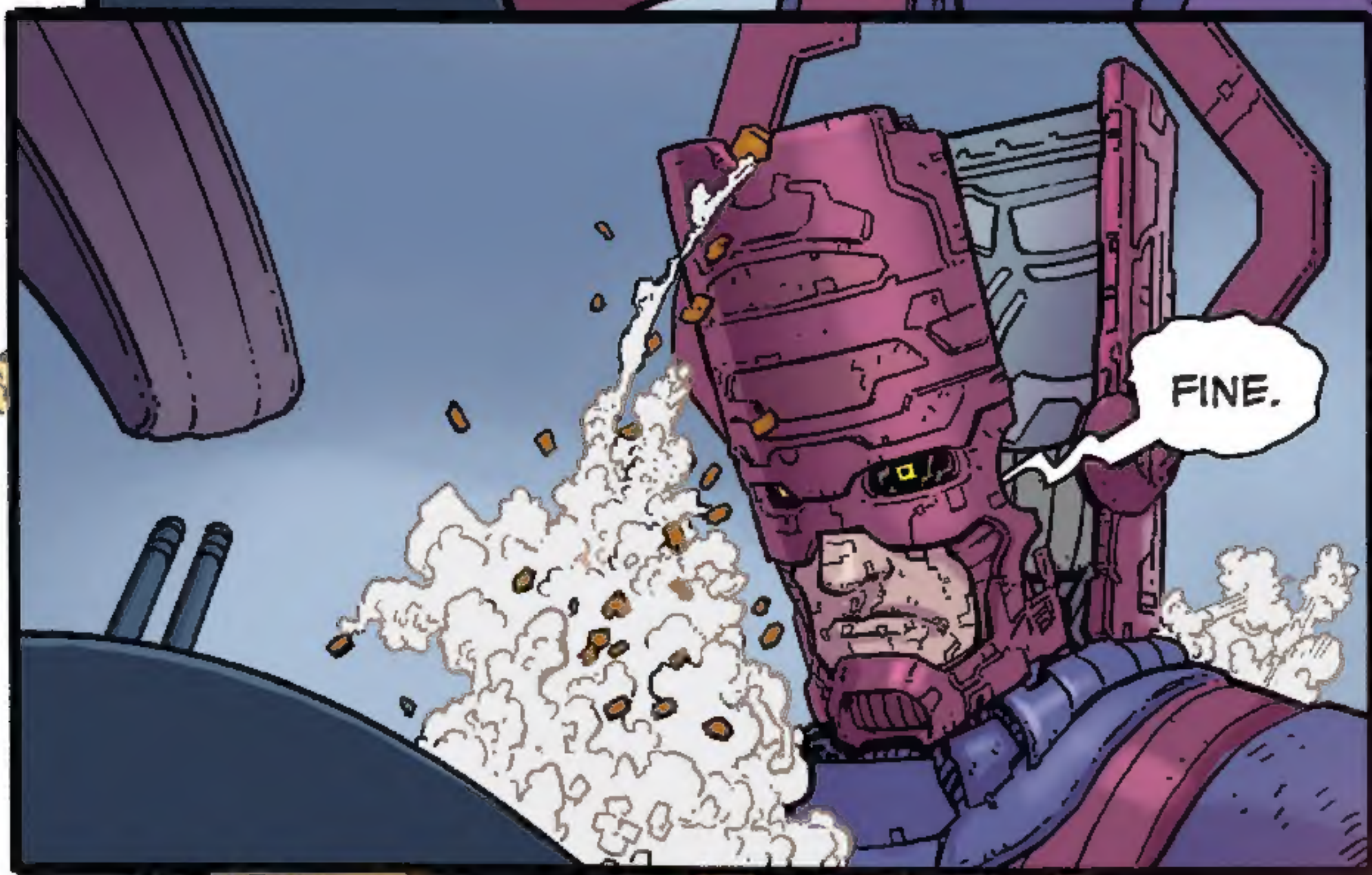


THEY SAID THIS PLACE COULDN'T BE CRACKED.

WELL, NO MATTER WHAT ELSE WE DO WITH OUR LIVES, WE'LL BE KNOWN AS THE CITOPIAN FIVE.

WE SHOULD TRY AND HIT A FEW OTHER PLACES BEFORE THIS STORY GETS OUT AND--

NO.



FINE.

ROCKET, COULDN'T YOU HAVE INSTALLED SEATS?



OR SEAT BELTS?

I AM GROOT.

EXACTLY.

THE BIG GUY WAS BUILT FOR **SPEED**, NOT **COMFORT**.

HANG ON. THIRTY SECONDS UNTIL WE RENDEZVOUS WITH...



"...THE MILANO!"

I STILL THINK I SHOULD PILOT THE MECH AWAY. I'M NOT READY TO SAY GOODBYE TO IT.

YOU KIDDING? THE CITOPIAN FORCES ARE GOING TO CHASE IT DOWN AND DESTROY IT.

IF IT MAKES IT BACK TO OUR OLD BASE, IT WILL BE A MIRACLE.



WHAT DO YOU THINK'S IN THE BOX?

WHO CARES, AS LONG AS IT MAKES US RICH.

OKAY, WELL--GOOD JOB, GANG!

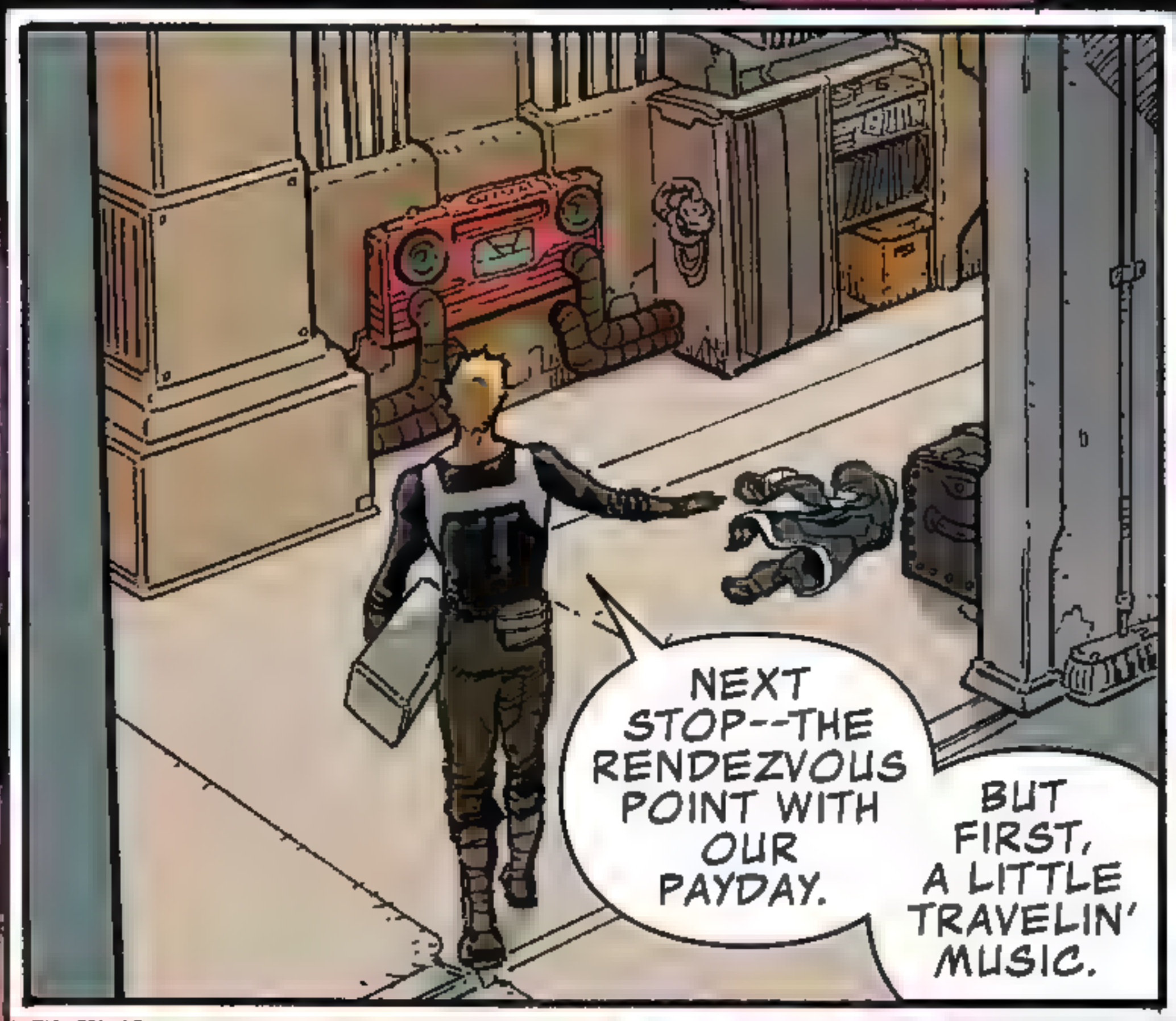


DRAX, WHY DON'T YOU GO MOPE ABOUT WHATEVER IT IS YOU WON'T TALK ABOUT.

GAMORA, YOU GO BE ANGRY AT ME.

ROCKET, YOU--

QUIT YER GUM-BUMPIN', QUILL.



NEXT STOP--THE RENDEZVOUS POINT WITH OUR PAYDAY.

BUT FIRST, A LITTLE TRAVELIN' MUSIC.



KLIK



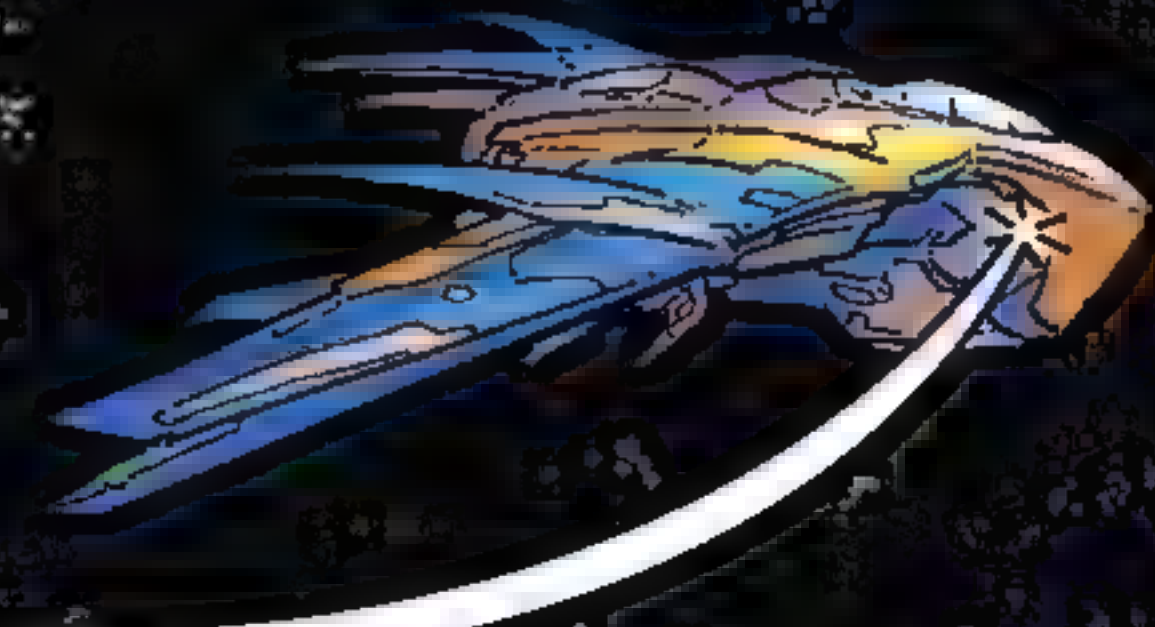
AND I WOULD WALK FIVE HUNDRED MILES AND I WOULD WALK--

C'MON, GUYS, QUIT MESSING AROUND WITH MY STEREO!



**LATER...**  
IN A REMOTE QUADRANT OF THE GALAXY.

WE'VE  
BEEN  
HERE FOR  
HOURS...



...ARE  
YOU SURE  
YOU INPUT THE  
COORDINATES  
CORRECTLY?

OF COURSE  
I GOT THE  
COORDINATES  
RIGHT.

HOW MUCH  
YOU WANT TO  
BET WE'RE IN  
THE WRONG  
PLACE?

I AM  
GROOT.

HAH!

GUYS,  
I GOT THE  
COORDINATES  
RIGHT.



WHY ARE WE  
LOITERING?

IMBECILE,  
DID YOU GET  
THE MEETING  
COORDINATES  
WRONG?

YOU KNOW,  
I KNOW THE  
FOUR OF YOU HAVE  
EACH LET YOUR  
LIVES GO TO HELL  
AFTER WE LEFT  
EARTH, BUT--

UH,  
GUYS.



START THE  
ENGINES!

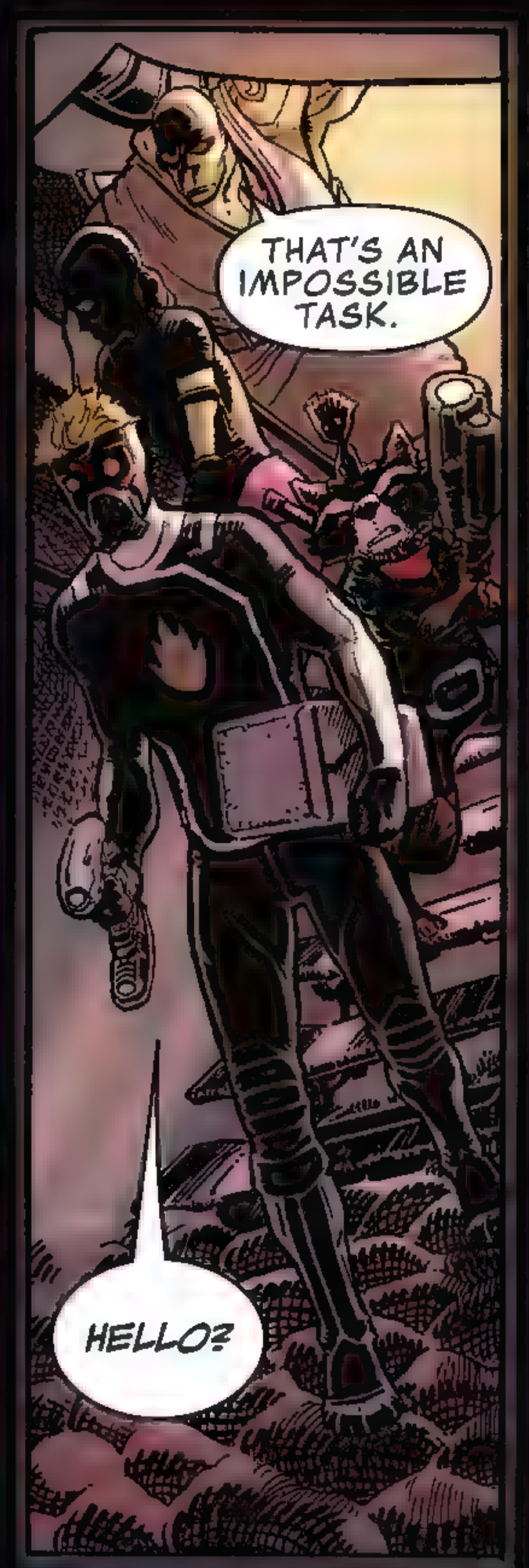
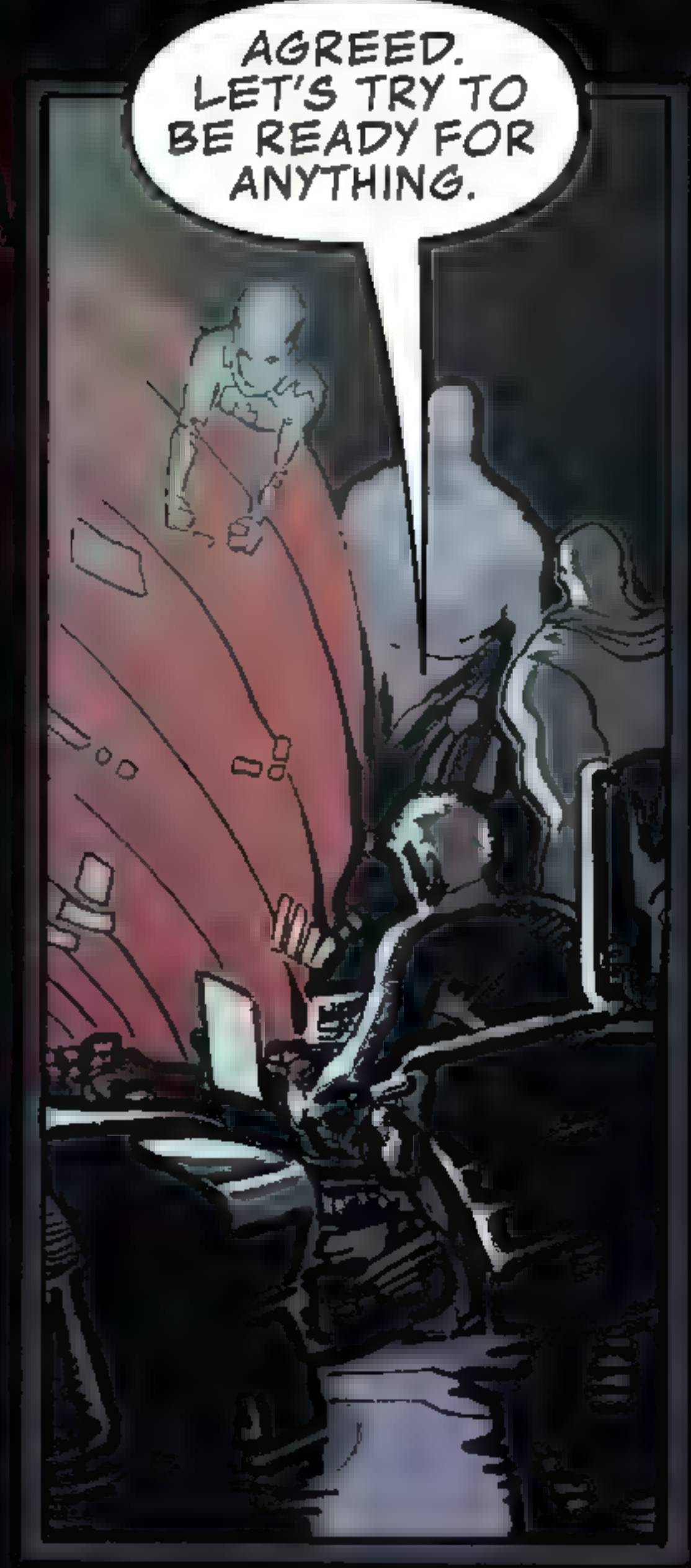




WHY?  
WHAT'S  
UP?

THERE'S  
NOTHING ON  
THE SCOPE.







FOR THOSE  
OF US THAT ARE NOT  
ACQUAINTED, I AM THE  
**GRANDMASTER.**

WELCOME  
TO THE MOST  
EXQUISITE PRIVATE  
COLLECTION IN  
THE GALAXY.







THANK YOU FOR ADDING TO IT.

WOW, THIS HAS TO RIVAL THE COLLECTOR'S COLLECTION.

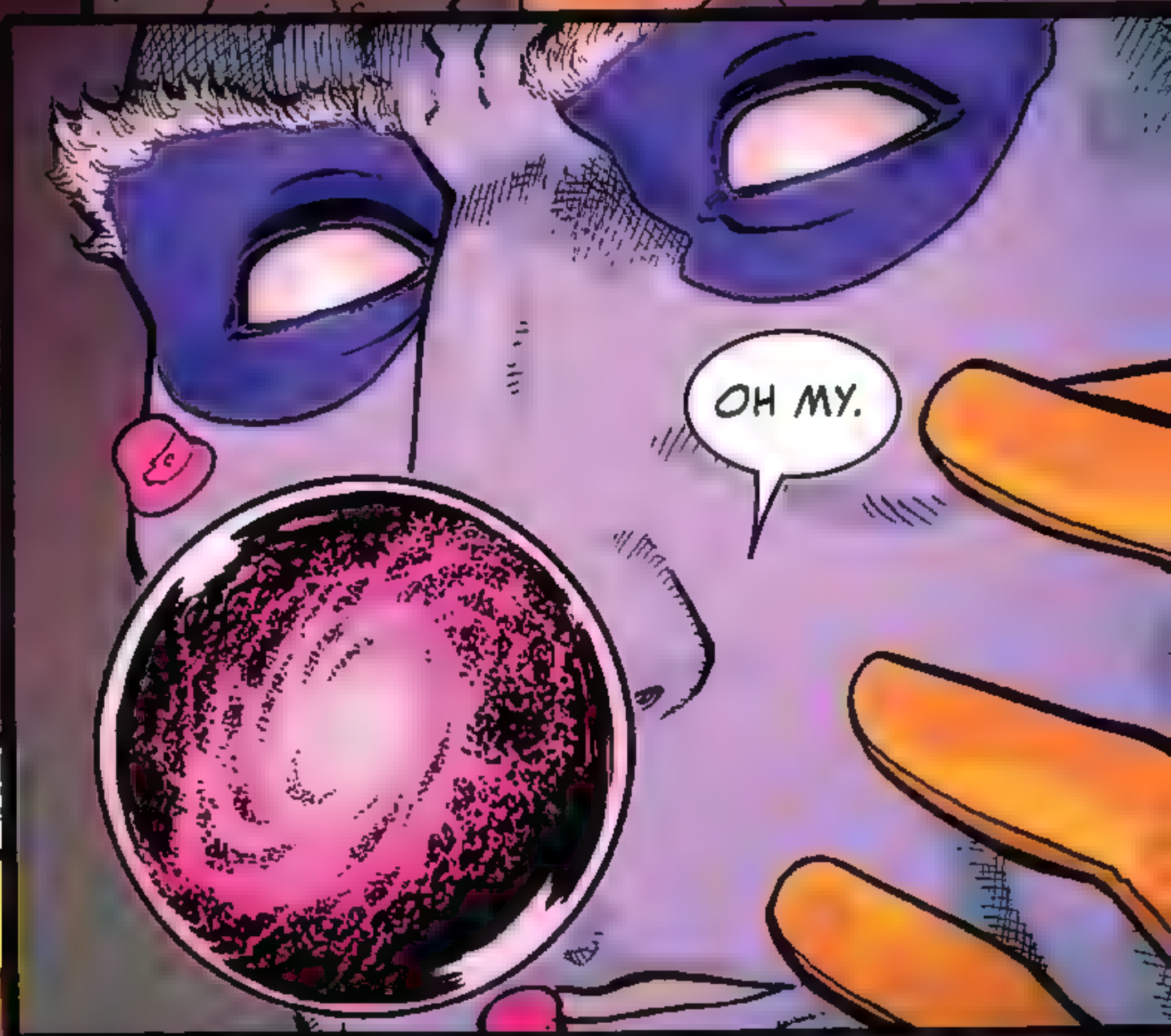
IN FACT, IT EXCEEDS THAT GAUDY HACK'S ACCUMULATION OF BAUBLES.

I'VE ALWAYS HAD BETTER TASTE.

LET'S SEE MY PRIZE.



OH.



OH MY.



MARVELOUS.

I THOUGHT WE WERE HELPING SECURE A TERRIBLE WEAPON.

AND INDEED YOU HAVE.

WHAT IF THE TACHYON BUBBLE SEALING THIS PERFECT BABY UNIVERSE WERE IMPAIRED OR DISRUPTED?

YOUR ENTIRE UNIVERSE WOULD EXPLODE AS THIS ONE RAPIDLY EXPANDED TO TAKE ITS PLACE.

THIS WAS AN EXCELLENT TEST OF YOUR SKILLS.

NOW, IT'S TIME FOR YOUR REAL CHALLENGE.



EXPLAIN YOURSELF.

YEAH, WHAT SHE SAID.

DUDE, JUST PAY US THE BALANCE OF WHAT YOU OWE US AND WE'LL BE ON OUR WAY. WE'RE NOT LOOKING FOR ANOTHER GIG.

WHAT DID I TELL YOU ABOUT UNEXPECTED CONSEQUENCES WHEN WALLS FALL?





YOU'RE GOING TO INFILTRATE THE COLLECTOR'S COLLECTION AND RETRIEVE MY MOST SOUGHT-AFTER GRAIL PIECE.

THE HUJAHDIAN MONARCH EGG.



THE HELL WE ARE.

STEALING FROM THE COLLECTOR SOUNDS LIKE... **SUICIDE.**



OH, BUT-- YOU ALREADY HAVE STOLEN FROM THE COLLECTOR. THIS UNIVERSE WAS SOLD TO HIM.

IT WOULD BE MOST UNFORTUNATE FOR YOU IF HE WERE TO LEARN OF YOUR TRANSGRESSION.

THIS IS A DOUBLE CROSS.

I. AM. GROOT.

WELL, GRANDMASTER FLIES AROUND SPACE IN A FISH, SO HE CAN DO WHATEVER THE FLARK HE WANTS.

YOU CAN'T TREAT US LIKE THIS! YOU KNOW WHO'S STANDING TO MY LEFT? DRAX THE DESTROYER, AND--

I'M SUDDENLY RETHINKING MY PACIFISM.

C'MON, DRAX, YOU'RE CUTTING THE LEGS OFF MY THREATS AS I'M MAKING THEM.





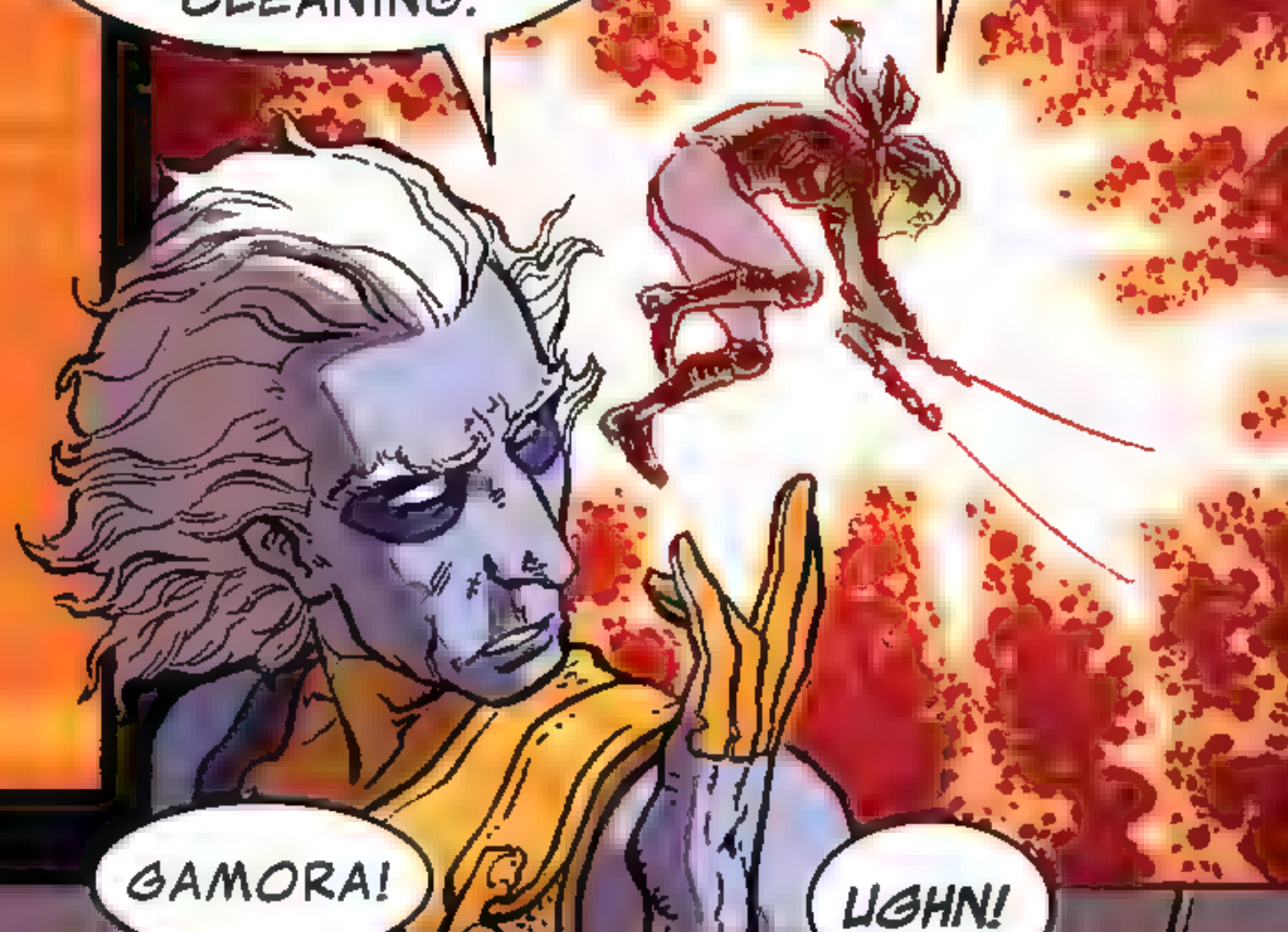
YOU  
LIED TO  
US!



NO HARM IN  
ONE MURDER  
ATTEMPT--

--BUT  
ATTEMPT TO  
KILL ME AGAIN, AND  
I'LL NEED TO  
CLOSE MY EXHIBIT  
FOR A DECENT  
CLEANING.

ORRAARGH!



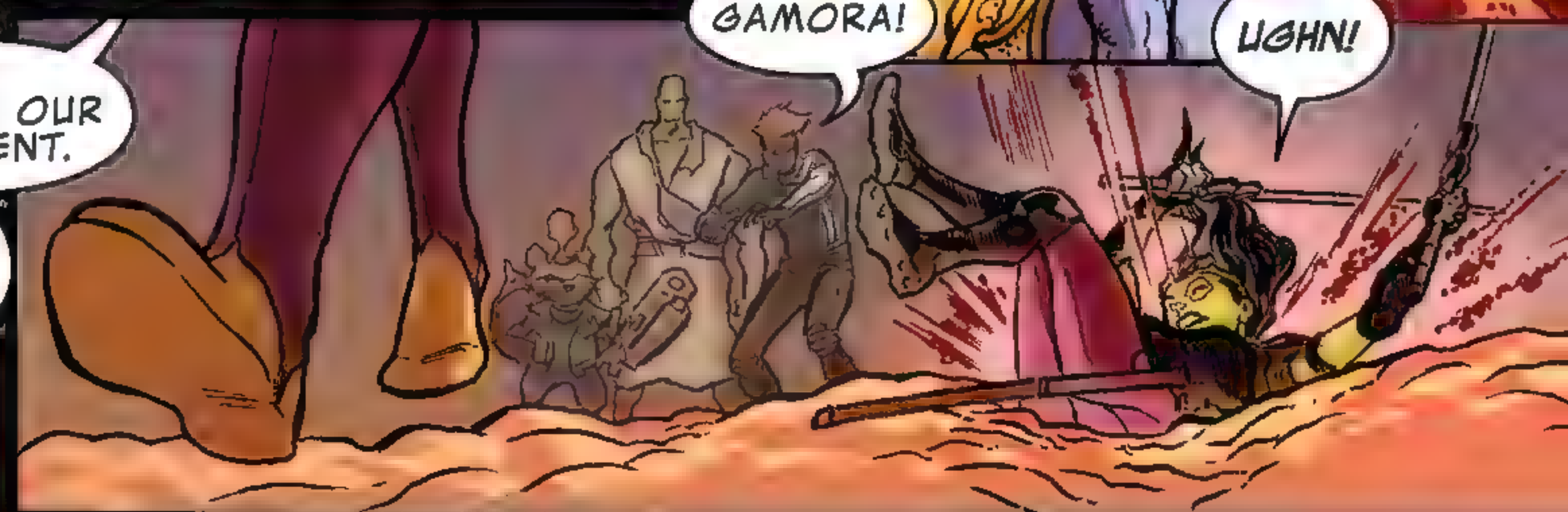
GAMORA!

UGHN!



I AM  
HONORING OUR  
AGREEMENT.

YOU WILL  
RECEIVE A FORTUNE  
AND A VALUABLE SECRET  
IN RETURN FOR MY  
TWO PRIZES.



I WISH  
YOU ALL THE  
BEST!



WELL, IT  
LOOKS LIKE WE'RE  
STICKING TOGETHER  
FOR JUST ANOTHER LITTLE  
WHILE--UNLESS YOU WANT  
THE COLLECTOR AND HIS  
MOUNTAIN OF MONEY TO  
COME GUNNING  
FOR US.

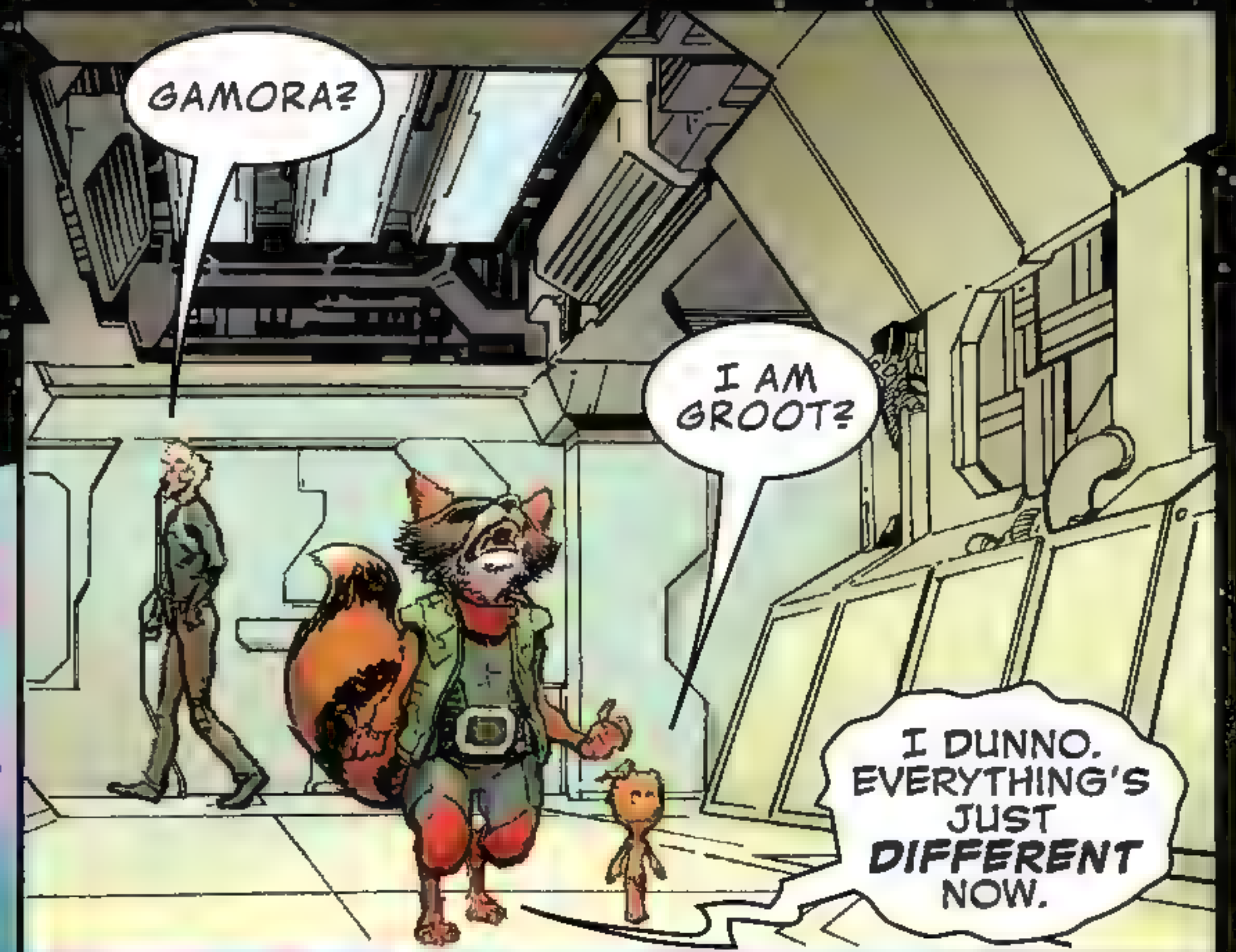


HEY, WHAT  
"SECRET" IS THE  
GRANDMASTER  
TALKING  
ABOUT?


WHO  
KNOWS WHAT  
THAT CRAZY  
OLD MAN WAS  
TALKING  
ABOUT.

HEY, GAMORA,  
WHAT EXACTLY WAS  
YOUR DEAL WITH  
GRANDMASTER?










"...BUT  
SOMETHING'S  
**WRONG** WITH  
THE LITTLE GUY.



"HE'S  
NOT SICK.



"HE'S JUST NOT--  
WELL, HE'S **NOT**  
HIMSELF AFTER WE  
WERE ATTACKED.

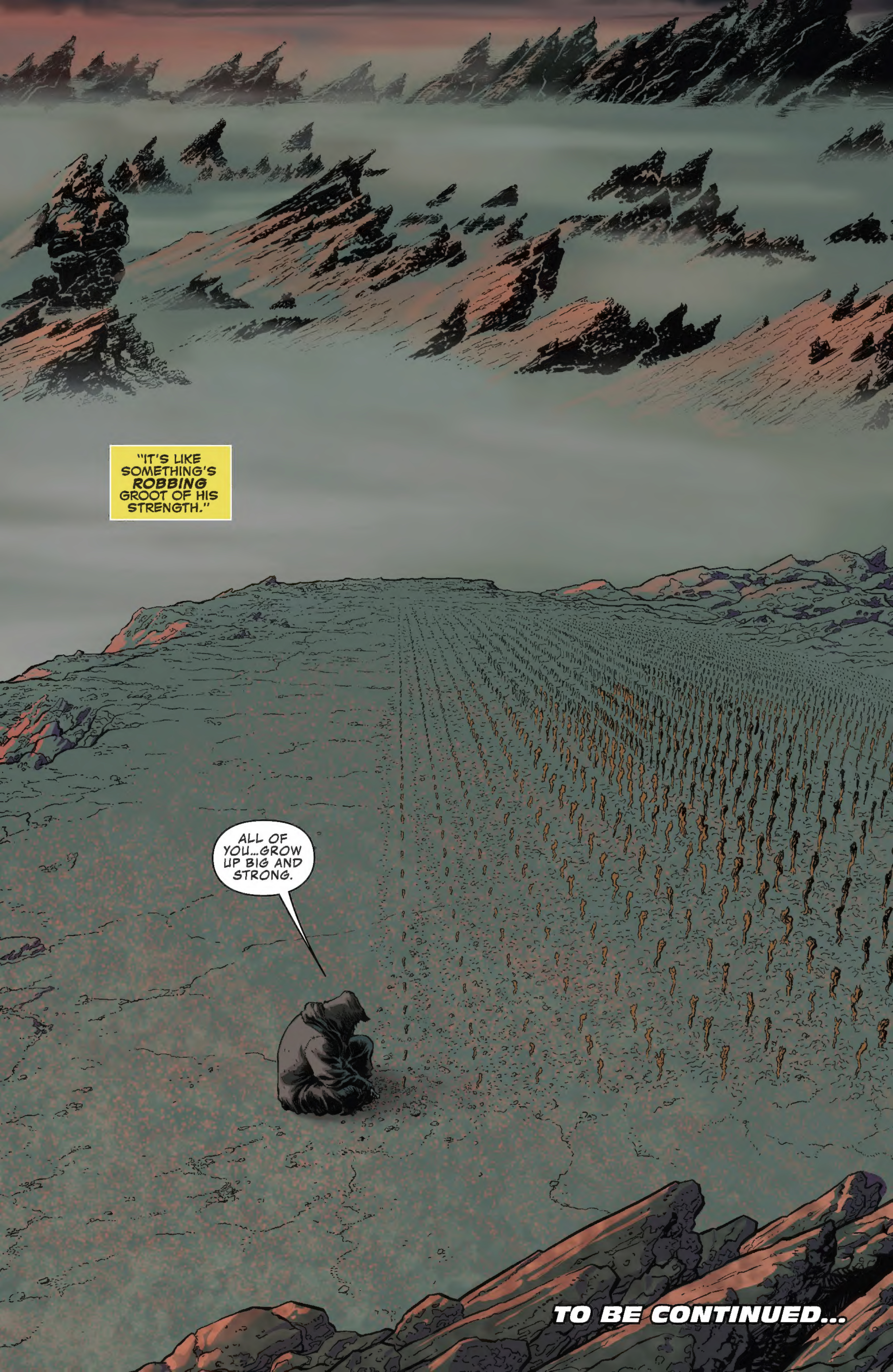


"HE'S **WEAK**.

"HE HAS TO SLEEP  
A LOT--AND HE'S  
**BARELY** GROWN ANY  
SINCE THE ATTACK.

GROW  
STRONG,  
YOUNG  
ONE.





"IT'S LIKE  
SOMETHING'S  
**ROBBING**  
GROOT OF HIS  
STRENGTH."

ALL OF  
YOU...GROW  
UP BIG AND  
STRONG.

**TO BE CONTINUED...**





It's November 19, 2016, and I'm ready to get off this planet now. On behalf of Aaron, and everyone on the GUARDIANS team: we're glad you're along for the ride. We're hoping this new volume of GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY can capitalize on what Bendis and his collaborators built up over their amazing run. Marvel's cosmic universe has been filling up with all kinds of weird, fun, and scary toys over the last few decades. I hope we get into all kinds of trouble. We've been out in space on a secret mission for more than half a year, but our signal is only now reaching Earth. The best is still inbound. Thanks for the support, and see you in outer space.

Gerry

To Gerry, November 2016:

Buddy, the laughs we've shared working on this stuff over the last few months has made the hard work so worth it.

From Aaron in April 2017.

Dear Reader,

You know you're doing good when you make a book that feels like it is more than the sum of its parts. I know you have only had one issue to base this on...but stick around. I have laughed out loud every time I've gotten a new script, and hopefully you will too.

Zoom zoom,  
AK

Hey everyone—

These guys are right—the stuff they've got in store is going to knock your socks into orbit. This book is going to be your hub from all the cosmic and galactic action in the Marvel Universe. You want your larger-than-life space gods? You want your crazy-go-nuts high technology? You want your alien worlds, alien cultures, and alien aliens? And you want it all from the point of view of a down-and-out space crew with the space-street space-smarts to somehow make it through this crazy universe alive by the skin of their teeth? Yeah—Gerry and Aaron got that covered.

And you know what? We want to hear what you think of this madness! We're starting a letters page, right here, right now! Write in to us at [galactic@marvel.com](mailto:galactic@marvel.com) and mark your letters "OK to Print" and you could see your own words right here in this space! Got any suggestions for what we should call this letters page? We'd love to hear those, too. Until next time...space-good-bye!

Be seeing you!  
Jordan D. White



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